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EPA contract staff have initiated air monitoring (they aren't just standing by).

Also it might be best not to try to peg the specific chemicals for RMP (we're checking but my experts are now on furlough). A number of factors, including proximity to population centers, determine whether it is a major risk...in this case it's setting was in an industrial area but it had large quantities of hazardous chemicals.

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**From:** Gray, David  
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Can we verify and complete ASAP for HQ?

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William Olefin Plant, Geismar, LA

A explosion and fire at the Williams Olefin Plant caused injuries and damage. The cause of the initial fire is still under investigation.

Region 6 has deployed emergency response personnel to the site. Additional personnel and contractors are on standby. Air monitoring will be conducted. The emergency response personnel will coordinate with LDEQ and multiple state and local partners on the response.

The facility is subject to the Chemical Accident provisions at 40 CFR Part 68 because of the quantity of XXX on-site exceeds 10,000 lbs. The facility is required prepare a Risk Management Plan. The facility is also subject to EPCRA Tier II reporting requirements and must submit information to the state, local emergency planning committee and fire department.

Within the last 5 years, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has taken two Clean Air Act enforcement actions against Williams Olefins facility resulting in total penalties of \$4,500. The last Clean Air Act inspection was conducted by the state officials in December 2011.



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